

**Fire Safe Standards**  
**Fire Hazard Severity Zones**

**Sec. 100.80 Findings.**

- (A) The provisions of this Section are reasonably necessary because of the following local climatic, geographical and topographical conditions:
- (1) Very high fire hazard severity zones have been identified and adopted by local ordinance pursuant to Government Code Sections 51175 through 51189.
  - (2) The very high fire hazard severity zones are located in areas, which are subject to periodic conditions of high velocity winds and high temperatures with accompanying low humidity.
  - (3) The climatic conditions described above are further accentuated by the topographical features of hill and canyon areas, and the presence of highly combustible vegetation in the identified very high fire hazard severity zones.
  - (4) The conditions described above can make these areas nearly inaccessible and operationally difficult for fire suppression and evacuation activities.
  - (5) This Section shall apply to all real property located within City of Auburn areas, which are within the very high fire hazard severity zones designated pursuant to this article.
  - (6) The local agency, fire department, at its discretion, may include areas within the City of Auburn not identified as very high fire hazard severity zones, as very high fire hazard severity zones following a finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that the requirements of the Government Code are necessary for effective fire protection within the area.

- (B) High fire hazard severity zones and moderate fire hazard severity zones are also located within the City of Auburn of which contain the type and condition of vegetation, topography, weather and structure density to increase the possibility of conflagration fires.
- (1) High fire hazard severity zones and moderate fire hazard severity zones are identified as having similar characteristics and conditions as stated in sub-section. 100.80 (A) 1 through 6.
- (2) Lands surrounding the City of Auburn located in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) have been identified as very high fire severity zones, high fire severity zones, and moderate fire severity zones.
- (3) The presence of a political boundary identifying Local Responsibility Area (LRA) lands within the City of Auburn, and State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands adjacent to the City of Auburn, do not eliminate the hazard severity or the need for mitigation and therefore shall be treated equally.
- (C) Because of their similar characteristics and conditions stated herein, and the need for consistent applicability of standards to assist in reducing the severity of loss that can occur in all areas of the City of Auburn, high fire hazard severity zones and moderate hazard fire severity zones within the City of Auburn should be included and considered as very high fire severity zones.
- (D) Because of their similar characteristics and conditions stated herein, and the need for consistent applicability of standards to assist in reducing the severity of loss that can occur in all areas of the City of Auburn, the Fire Safe Standards should be applicable to all fire severity zones within the City of Auburn so that consistent conditions and requirements will be applied equally to all areas of fire severity and consistent with adjacent jurisdictions.

(E)                These findings are made pursuant to Sections 17958.5 and 17958.7  
of the Health and Safety Code.